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LBJ Sensitive on Subject

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# Another 'Tex. Crony' in Top Job

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**NOTE:** Every President is accused of "Cronyism" — and Lyndon Johnson is no exception. Scripps-Howard's chief political writer Ted Knap has made a study in depth of President Johnson's appointments and here are his findings:

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When the Senate confirmed rancher William W. Heath as Ambassador to Sweden yesterday, he became the latest on the list of so-called "Texas cronies" appointed to high posts by President Johnson.

The President is very sensitive about calling attention to such appointments.

As a result, according to a count kept by his chief personnel officer, Texas actually is under-represented among the Johnson appointees to Government jobs outside the White House.

## MACY REPORTS

John W. Macy, Civil Service chairman and White House special assistant on personnel, reported today that the count is 14 Texans out of 453 appointees. On the basis of population, Texas would have nearly twice as many, he said.

Nine states and the District of Columbia have higher representations — D. C., 58; New York, 55; California and Maryland, 37 each; Virginia, 25; Illinois, 22; Massachusetts, 21; Pennsylvania, 17; Florida, 16, an Connecticut, 15.

Mr. Macy said New York is high because Manhattan is a magnet for executive talent, which also helps account for Connecticut's ranking. He said California, Illinois and Massachusetts are high because they are university as well as population centers.

## DOMICILED

The District and neighboring Maryland and Virginia are the seat and bedrooms of the Federal Government. More than half the ambassadors appointed by Mr. Johnson have their legal residence in this area.

Because Mr. Macy's count goes by "legal residence," it lists the new Under Secretary of Transportation, Everett Hutchinson, Mr. Johnson's old Texas friend who has been in and out of Government for 23 years, as a Marylander.

Another such example is retired Adm. William F. Raborn, a former Texan who was a legal resident of California when Mr. Johnson appointed him director of the Central Intelligence Agency, a post from which he also has now retired.

## FORMER TEXANS

Mr. Macy estimated that "five to 10" of the 120 appointees from Washington and its suburbs are former Texans.

In addition to Mr. Heath, the acknowledged appointees from Texas are Attorney General Ramsey Clark, son of LBJ's old friend, Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark; Ambassador to Australia Edward A. Clark, whose law firm represented Mr. Johnson's Austin TV station;

Ambassador to Pakistan Eugene M. Locke, newly named Deputy Ambassador to Saigon, who was Texas state Democratic chairman and manager of Gov. John Connally's re-election campaign.

Also Interstate Commerce Commissioner Willard Deason, LBJ's college roommate who bred White House beagles "Him" and "Her;" Atomic Energy Commissioner Samuel Nabrit, Federal Communications Commissioner Robert T. Bartley, Federal Power Commissioner Lawrence J. O'Connor.

## OLD LBJ FRIEND

Also William Sherrill, member of Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.; United States Information Agency Deputy Director Robert Akers, who has known Mr. Johnson for 30 years; the Rev. Luther Holcomb, member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; William Crook, Assistant Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, and Assistant Attorneys General Harold Barefoot Sanders and

The Macy count also shows that of the 1758 persons appointed to part-time boards and commissions, 54 are from Texas. The Texas membership on those bodies has zoomed lately, with 19 of this year's 170 appointees coming from the Lone Star state.

The full-time and part-time counts date back to November, 1964, when Mr. Johnson established the single personnel office in the White House and put Mr. Macy in charge.

Mr. Macy said Mr. Johnson "is sensitive" about and "watches" Texas (appointments) adding:

"He doesn't want to have it excessive, but not overlooked, either.

Mr. Macy's count does not include judges and marshals, whose selection is handled primarily by the Justice Department; postmasters, chosen by the Post Office Department and members of Congress; nor military promotions, recommended by the Defense Department.

Nor does it include White House staff members, whose appointments Mr. Macy described as "more personal." Of the 12 top assistants four are Texans — special assistants Marvin Watson, appointments; George Christian, press; and Harry McPherson and Jake Jacobsen; legislative.

## OTHER FRIENDS

Mr. Johnson has appointed non-Texas friends to other high posts, such as his long-time Washington legal advisers Abe Fortas to the Supreme Court, and Leonard Marks as USIA director. Internal Revenue Service Director Sheldon Cohen came from the Fortas law firm.

On a somewhat different level, Charles Boatner, formerly on Mr. Johnson's Senate staff, was named Interior Department Director of Information.

"It is natural for the President to turn to people he has known, and in whom he has confidence," Mr. Macy said.

"But it is not a predominant source of talent. He does not appoint off his Christmas card list. My conclusion is that he appoints a very limited number of people with whom he had previous association — just a handful."

Mr. Macy noted that it is sometimes helpful if an ambassador is known to be a friend of the President, since the country where he serves feels he has the President's ear.

Even so, Mr. Macy said, 73 per cent of the ambassadors Mr. Johnson appointed were career Foreign Service officers, a percentage Mr. Macy termed "the highest ever." He said this compared with about 75 per cent for the two previous presidents.

However, this still leaves room for Mr. Johnson to take care of many friends because the number of independent nations has risen sharply the last few years.



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**TOP NOTCHERS** — Gerald Wayne Simila, 17, received the Boys' Clubs "Boy of the Year" award yesterday from a high-ranking fellow Texan. The award cited Gerald, who lives in Denison, for "superlative service to his home, church, community and Boys' Club."

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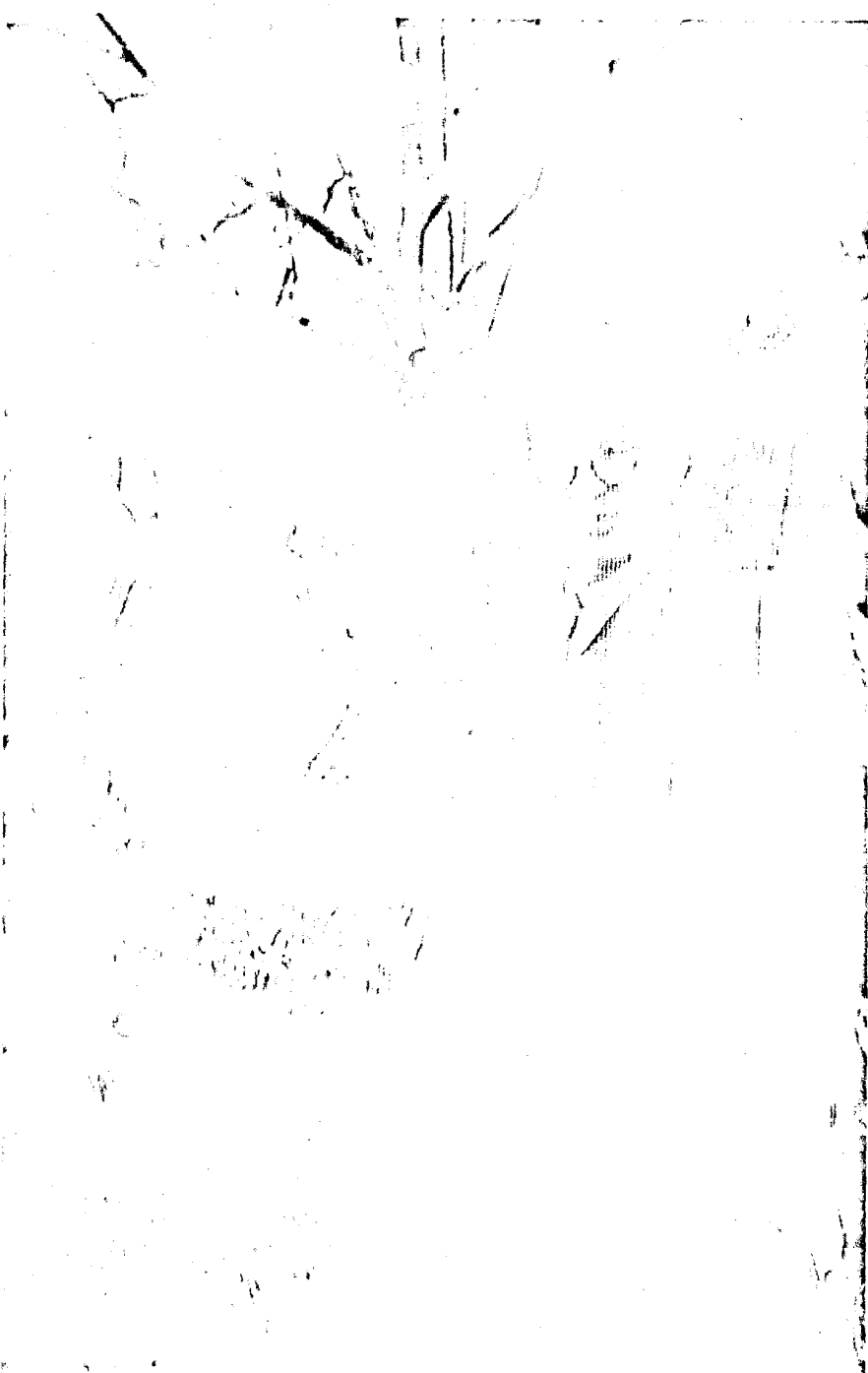
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Vice Admiral (ret.) William F. Raborn Jr., sixty-one, is still in Washington but now as vice president-general representative of Aerojet-General Corp. As "Johnny Q. Citizen," he says, "I feel pride in serving my country in industry." During thirty-nine years in the Navy, "Red" Raborn (Annapolis '28) built a reputation as both flyer and administrator. He brought the Polaris program, which involved 20,000 separate contractors and cost \$3.5 billion, to a successful conclusion three years ahead of schedule. Raborn first joined Aerojet in 1963, led it to serve fourteen months as temporary head of the Central Intelligence Agency, and returned to the company last year. As he defines it, his job at Aerojet is to "pedal and prod"—i.e., he pedals around all branches of government (not just defense and aerospace) looking for places where the company's expertise might be applied; then he prods the company into meeting the challenge. One area for fast pedaling: air and water pollution.

Francis Keppel, fifty, has shifted from the government side to the business side of the education world. After three years as Commissioner of the Office of Education and an assistant secretary of HEW, he became chairman (at about \$70,000 a year, plus bonuses) of the General Learning Corp., a joint venture of General Electric Co. and Time Inc. The years in Washington were stormy ones for Keppel, who had previously been dean of Harvard's Graduate School of Education (though he was no graduate). He was ousted from his post out of the musty old Office of Education, restructured and largely re-